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The *NewsWire* has a chat with professor/guitarist/runner/motor scooter advocate/philanthropist Doug Olberding.



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The men's basketball team survived two close games this week, including an overtime win against IPFW on Tuesday night.

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Men's soccer takes A-10

BY SHANE MULVIHILL
Staff Writer

This past Monday, instead of waiting for the clock to strike midnight, Cinderella was waiting for the clock to strike 4:30. At 4:30, the Xavier men's soccer team continued its Cinderella story when its gathered together in the Cintas Center Media Room to see where they would be seeded in the NCAA tournament.

The team has found themselves in a place only they could have envisioned themselves at the beginning of the season.

Like any great rags-to-riches story, the story begins with hardship and struggle. At the conclusion of last season, the Musketeers found themselves coachless, near the bottom of the Atlantic 10 standings and owners of just five wins in two years.

Enter new head coach Andy Fleming. Fleming has been the



Photo courtesy of Colin Waters

The men's soccer team celebrated with coach Andy Fleming after winning the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

Musketeers' fairy godmother, taking an underachieving bunch and helping them to unlock its true, hidden potential. He has preached a step-by-step, game-by-game approach that has allowed the team to blossom into one of the na-

tion's toughest defensive squads.

Xavier's Cinderella run began in earnest two weeks ago during the team's final regular season game. Needing a win to advance to the A-10 tournament, the Musketeers engineered a second half, come-

from-behind victory to beat Fordham 2-1. The late game heroics on the part of senior El-Hadji Dieng allowed the Musketeers to sneak into the tournament as the sixth and final seed.

This may have been the best

place in which the Musketeers could have been seeded.

"Being the underdog deflects pressure from our guys while also keeping a proverbial carrot in front of them," Fleming said. "For us, the A-10 Championship was our NCAA Tournament and we had nothing to prove, nothing to lose. We were playing with 'house money' and the only ones with high expectations were ourselves."

The sixth seeded Musketeers opened the tournament against the No. 3 seed, Temple. Having already beaten Temple earlier in the season, the team wanted a repeat performance. Sophomore Luke Spencer scored in the 12th minute.

Following the goal, the team practiced what got them there in the first place: defense. Xavier goalkeeper, sophomore Justin Marshall made five saves and

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Pro-student changes in GSC

BY DOUG TIFFT
Editor-in-Chief

After nearly nine years of operation Gallagher Student Center is about to get a makeover.

A series of moves will begin on Monday, Nov. 22, resulting in the relocation of 10 departments or student organizations across campus — almost all of whom are related to tenants moving into and out of GSC.

"I believe we are going to be doing some stuff that is really beneficial to the students," GSC manager Joe Christman said. "I think sometimes this feels more like an administrative building than a student center. I want students to feel comfortable in this building and feel ownership. I think a lot of the stuff we are doing is really focused on students."

The process will begin with the International Students Society temporarily moving from GSC 230 to Alter 103 — the space previously occupied by Student Success and Retention before it moved to the fifth floor of the Conaton Learning Commons at the beginning of the fall semester.

With ISS out of its space on the second floor of the student center, Christman will be able to work with Physical Plant to bring in contractors to overhaul the space.

After renovations such as demolition to redefine the space, carpet replacements, install-



NewsWire photo by Alexa von Bargen

The GSC second floor computer lab is only one of many relocations on campus this year.

ments of new wall coverings and the replacement of old furniture, ISS will move back into the space in early January as part of an expanded program of the Romero Center for International Education under the directorship of Ismael Betencourt.

"We could not be happier to have a great student service like the Romero Center in the building," Christman said.

As ISS is moving, other parts of the second floor will also get a new look.

Project Search, currently housed in GSC 250, will move to the third floor meeting room, GSC 330. Christman said a number of groups who had requested the space had to reschedule as a result of Project Search's occupancy of the area.

Eventually, likely in January, Project Search will move to GSC 350, the area next to the Clocktower Lounge currently occupied by the Dorothy Day Center

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SGA advocates for LGBTQ advisor

BY SARAH WIETEN
Managing Editor

In the wake of a series of suicides by young LGBTQ people, senior senators Chris Hale and Joshua Arthur and freshman senator Ricky Narsinghani co-sponsored a resolution to suggest the creation of a "professional staff position to provide holistic support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students." The resolution passed 20-0 on Monday.

However, because the resolution comes after deadlines for filing paperwork for new positions for the year have passed, Student Government Association is faced with the decision of funding the position themselves or delaying its creation until next year.

The duties of the position would include "providing support, counseling and advocacy on campus for LGBTQ students," Kevin Contrera, SGA executive president, said.

The suggestion for such a position came out of series of meetings Contrera attended last year with different clubs, including Xavier Alliance, while running for executive office to gather suggestions for campus improvement.

However, pushback is expected from some campus constituents.

"I understand that the kind of work that these individuals want

done might be different than what can be done on a Jesuit campus. We have to understand that line," Steven Yandell, Alliance club advisor, said.

Contrera said he anticipated some similar sentiments from the board of trustees, who must approve the new position, due to the frequently conservative nature of that body.

Yandell said that even finding space for this position is going to be difficult with the relocations currently occurring on campus.

"Anything that is going to support our student body, including LGBTQ members, is great," Yandell said. "The question [is], 'What is the best way to go about that?'"

"As a faculty member I have to say that putting more money into administration when budgets are so tight is risky," Yandell said. "I think we need to make sure that we do not have these kind of resources elsewhere first."

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Pro-student changes in GSC

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Clocktower Lounge currently occupied by the Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice.

The temporary swing space in GSC 330 is required, however, because the Center for Faith and Justice — which includes Dorothy Day and Campus Ministry — is awaiting the completion of construction on the fifth floor of the Conaton Learning Commons.

Once the CLC construction is complete around the end of the calendar year, the Career Services Center will move from GSC 310 to the fifth floor of CLC. Academic Advising, currently located in Alter 104, will also move to the fifth floor of the Learning Commons.

“At this point the construction on the Learning Commons is sort of the final piece to get this whole chain reaction moving,” Christman said.

Faith and Justice will temporarily move to a swing space in Alter 104 while GSC 310 and the adjoining interview rooms in GSC 318 are renovated in January.

After the old Career Services space on the third floor of Gallagher is renovated to suit



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Gallagher Student Center will undergo an extensive relocation of offices as soon as the Conaton Learning Commons construction has been completed.

Faith and Justice — including seven exterior offices, cubicles and some meeting space — Faith and Justice will move back to GSC from Alter 104.

That move is tentatively scheduled for late January or early February, a date Christman is eagerly awaiting.

“It will be great to have Faith and Justice brought together in one central location,” Christman said. “At best, they are scattered all over this place. So bringing them together will allow them to function more effectively.”

As Faith and Justice completes

its series of moves at the beginning of the spring semester it will open space in GSC 332, currently being used as a Faith and Justice resource room.

After minor renovations, the area will become the new Publications area and house the *Xavier Newswire*.

“A lot of our changes have been aimed at getting more student-services into the student center,” Christman said. “So as a student organization and a student voice, we are really excited to have [the *Newswire*] coming into the building.”

The *Newswire’s* move to the third floor will likely not occur until February.

There are also a number of changes on the second floor at the beginning of the Spring Semester.

The Office of Student Involvement, currently located in GSC 320, will move down to the second floor of Gallagher in the area currently occupied by Project Search, centralizing the department by placing it next to the Student Government Association and Student Activities Council.

With Student Involvement vacating GSC 320, the area will

be converted into a commuter lounge.

Also, the former computer lab, GSC 230, will be converted into a club resource space. With the encouragement of the SGA, clubs will be able to create banners and use computers.

“That is one of the most exciting parts for me,” Christman said. “Between the changes on the second floor and commuter lounge that we have been working on for a while now, it really expands the space for students in the building.”

While the rest of the GSC tenants will remain in their current locations for now — including Flix, who will remain in the basement of Gallagher for the immediate future — there will be some minor disturbances.

Christman said the basement doors of the student center will have to be replaced with larger ones to allow a large lift to enter the building.

The lift will be used to replace two of the three lights in the ceiling of GSC that have burned out, partially darkening the GSC atrium.

Chicago Bears co-owner preaches faith and football

BY KRIS REILLY
Staff Writer

Spend just a few minutes reviewing the sports headlines and you may come to a sad realization; the sports world is riddled with controversy, slander, missteps and disappointment.

From Tiger Wood’s marital woes to Barry Bond’s steroids to Brett Favre’s amateur photography, many major figures in modern sports can’t seem to stay out of trouble.

But this past Thursday, Patrick McCaskey attempted to stand up as a source of hope for the fun-loving, hard-hitting, sibling-wrestling kid in all of us.

As the co-owner of the Chicago Bears, McCaskey said his office sits at the crossroads of sport and business, of competition and

media, of personal hobby and international phenomenon. From this perch, the owner, coach and father said he tries to serve as an example of personal integrity.

The event, titled “Faith and Sports: An Evening with Patrick McCaskey,” provided the seventh annual installment of the Ann Buenger Catholic Speaker Series.

Presented by Xavier University and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the program drew more than 600 listeners, including educators, Xavier students and Bears fanatics.

As his audience settled in after

light hors d’oeuvres, McCaskey launched into a comical football draft of Christ’s 12 apostles.

Placing Peter at star quarterback and Bartholomew at offensive line, the executive warmed up more of a comedy routine than a management lecture.

As the grandson of George Halas, founder of the Chicago Bears and a part of in the creation of the NFL, McCaskey is no stranger to football or fame. After receiving a B.A. from Indiana University and a M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies from DePaul University, McCaskey went into the family business along with several of his siblings. In his speech, he combined



photo courtesy Sportsfaithinternational.com

Patrick McCaskey, co-owner of the Chicago Bears, came to Xavier to discuss faith and sports.

stories about Super Bowl celebrations and legendary players with tales of familial love and the importance of faith.

Addressing his strong Catholic background, McCaskey spoke of his desire to honor the purity of sport through a vibrant Christian faith. For generations, his family has toiled to build a respectable, honest and victorious organization, he said.

As an example of this commitment, Bears players are offered the option of attending Mass and chapel before every game.

McCaskey currently serves as Special Projects Director for the organization, is a member of the Bears board and stays involved in several service organizations including the Chicago Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Sports Faith International, which he

founded as a testament to his beliefs.

“[The group is] a Chicago-based initiative dedicated to inspiring and transforming our culture through the world of sports. It will utilize the best of new and traditional media to feature and encourage the powerful personal testimonies of outstanding athletes at all levels who are living out their faith on and off the field,” McCaskey said.

Instead of a didactic lecture, McCaskey offered his personal journey. He and his wife Gretchen have three sons and reside in Lake Forest, Ill. In his closing remarks, McCaskey addressed his middle child Tom, a Xavier senior, by reading a letter instilled with an faith in God, family and football.

Matt Ackels also contributed to this article.

First ever Xavier men’s acappella group makes debut

BY RACHAEL HARRIS
Asst. A&E Editor

Shortly after starting this year, Harmon-X, the first all-male a cappella group to exist at Xavier, has been taking the campus by storm.

“Harmon-X was started at the beginning of this school year,” sophomore Sean Minion, president and founder of Harmon-X, said. “I asked around Concert Choir and Men’s Choir if anyone would be interested in forming a male a cappella group last year, and about a dozen people signed up.”

The group rehearses twice a

week and performs a variety of songs, including original songs written by group members.

They have performed a recital at the Late Night Snack benefiting sustainability.

They have also been asked to perform at other Xavier events, including Relay for Life and Xavier Christmas.

“[The group] really wasn’t one source of inspiration, it was more that a lot of people involved with music had been wanting one for awhile, and this year we decided to make it happen,” Minion said.

Songs from their performance can be found at youtube.com/user/thereivaxrecords#p/u.



photo courtesy youtube.com

From left to right: sophomore Brian Hanley, junior Mike Franzosa, sophomore Evan Herbert, sophomore Alex Flores and freshman David Naida sing at their first Harmon-X concert at the Late Night Snack in Gallagher Student Center.

BRIEFS

A nearly naked mile at Xavier

Students can register for the Nearly Naked Mile in Gallagher Student Center between 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from Nov. 11-18, between 5 to 7 p.m. from Nov. 16-17 in the Hoff Marketplace and between 7 to 8 on Nov. 18 at Bellarmine Circle.

Registration and T-shirts this year will cost \$15. The proceeds go towards Xavier’s Interfaith Medical Mission trip to Haiti.

Forum fills gap between XU students and faculty

BY KARI PEGLAR
Staff Writer

With help from the Office of Student Involvement, the Peer Leadership Team will host the first ever Student Forum, where students, faculty and staff come together to discuss pressing concerns involving Xavier’s campus from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 in Shiff Family Conference Center.

The purpose of the Student Forum, which is open to all students, is to enhance the communication between the Xavier administration and students regarding key issues at Xavier.

Students are encouraged to come to the event with questions prepared for several Xavier officials including Dr. Luther Smith, dean of students, Dr. Kathleen Simons, associate provost, senior Kevin Contrera, SGA president, and junior Ryan Alleman, SGA senator, financial affairs chair and representative of the University Planning and Resource Committee.

After the conclusion of the Student Forum, an overview of the discussion and resulting action will be published and made available to the entire student body.

According to Kevin Tighe, sophomore and member of the Peer Leadership Team, the need for creating this Student Forum has greatly increased in recent years due to the vast expansion of campus.

Despite Xavier’s open-door policy that encourages students to go directly to officials with their concerns, many students have not taken advantage of this opportunity and have many unanswered questions about Xavier’s present and future endeavors. With an open forum set up, the board hopes students will be more open

with questions and concerns.

“With increased class sizes, different budget delegations and endless expansions resulting in countless relocations, there has been an increase in questions and confusion among the student body,” Tighe said. “The Peer Leadership Team feels the obligation to find alternative ways to voice the issues and rumors that are scattered throughout campus and believes the student forum to be the perfect way to do that.”

This community-based student forum has received strong interest from both students and faculty.

“We emailed several student clubs around campus about the event and received multiple positive responses.” Tighe explained. “Additionally, every single administrator that we have talked to have been both enthusiastic and supportive of this event. They encourage as many questions to be asked so that they can answer successfully what may have lead to confusion.”

Students interested in attending the event should contact the Peer Leadership Team with their potential questions at xuplt@xavier.edu or call 513-745-3662.

XU runs for “Most Vegan-friendly” *PETA recognizes school’s attempt at creating a healthy*

BY PAMELA BRAULT
Staff Writer

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, recently looked at universities throughout the United States to gauge the variety of vegan options offered by colleges and determined that Xavier was among the friendliest for vegans.

Nominated because the Xavier Dining menu is planned with few repeated items, numerous vegan options and a “meatless Monday” campaign, Xavier was chosen over hundreds of universities and qual-

ified for the “sweet sixteen” in the category of small U.S. schools for the title of “Most Vegan-Friendly College in the U.S.”

PETA informed Xavier of its nomination in October saying “perhaps it should come as no surprise that one of the most influential Catholic universities in the U.S. extends its message of compassion and mercy to animals by offering some of the most enticing meatless cuisine in the country.”

Xavier’s vegan menu items include five-bean and butternut squash chili, Mediterranean chop

salad and hominy squash stew. Students can find out which items are vegan by accessing Balanced U, a labeling system on the online menu at www.dineoncampus.com/xu and by viewing the cards that sit beside each dish identifying it and giving nutritional information.

The size of the vegan population on Xavier’s campus is unknown. Resident Director of Dining Services Ed Devoid, announced that this is the first year no one has approached him saying that the options in the Hoff Marketplace are not suitable for



photo courtesy Andrew Matsushita

XU has been nominated for “Most Vegan-Friendly College in the U.S.” for their diverse menu and its abundant vegan choices.

their eating style.

“[Xavier’s Executive Chef Thomas Turnbull,] does his best to make sure the meals offered are nutritious and well-balanced,” Michael Ross, senior director of dining services said. “We are a diverse campus and pride ourselves

on the diversity we provide in our food selection. From homemade soups to sauces, we try to create as many with vegan ingredients so that even those limited with dietary restrictions can enjoy options in the Hoff Marketplace.”

Social Work professor leaving XU this spring

BY MOLLY BOES
Assistant News Editor

Associate Professor of Social Work Stephanie Brzuzy will be leaving Xavier University at the end of the fall semester having accepted a position as the director of Social Work at another university.

“This is a significant promotion for me, and I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead,” said Brzuzy.

Two of Brzuzy’s classes for the spring 2011 semester were canceled, one being a class originally required for social work majors that the department of social work decided to remove from the curriculum and – Brzuzy’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and Queer (LGBTQ) studies class.

The Department of Social Work decided to remove the first class from the curriculum in order to replace it with a course they felt would “better serve our majors,” Brzuzy said.

The LGBTQ class had counted as a credit toward a Gender and Diversity Studies Minor as well as

counting for a social science university core class.

“I admit, I am disappointed that the LGBTQ Studies course was canceled so quickly,” said Brzuzy. “As part of the the core Gender and Diversity Studies minor courses, I believe it provides added value to the University curriculum and our students.”

LGBTQ studies focused on helping students understand sexual identity issues, including the development of sexual identity, the politics of identity, various LGBTQ movements seen in history and issues facing members of the LGBTQ community today. Students were introduced to these different topics

“I have enjoyed my time here and I will carry fond memories of the students, staff and faculty whom I have encountered these past years.”


-Dr. Stephanie Brzuzy, professor of Social Work

through a variety of medians, from literature to television shows.

“I have enjoyed my time here and I will carry fond memories of the students, staff and faculty whom I have encountered these past years. Xavier is a great place and I hope I have made some lasting contributions,” said Brzuzy.

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Professor Profile: Dr. Doug Olberding

By **SCOTT MUELLER**
Sports Editor

Doug Olberding is the head of the Sports Management department. He has been at Xavier for 11 years and is actively involved in the running community, athletics and charity programs.

Xavier Newswire: What did you do before coming to Xavier?

Doug Olberding: I was a state budget and tax policy analyst. That was the job I had in the years before I came to Xavier, but I had always been involved in athletics, sports and recreation in one way or another.

I decided to make a change when I was living in Lexington, KY. My sister was a runner, and she was murdered while running. When she died, we put together the Reggae Run. That was the thing that sort of said, “life’s too short.”

So I decided to take a leap of faith and jump into sports management. The University of Kentucky had just started a sports management program, so I got in the doctoral program. That was when I sort of redirected my career.

XN: Can you talk about some of the running events you are involved with?

DO: I am the Chairman of the

Board for the Flying Pig Marathon. At the most recent race, we wanted to expand the Pig. We have the weekend of events, but we wanted to find some other date on the calendar. We have a good relationship with the Marvin Lewis Foundation, so we called their executive director and proposed the Who Dey 5K and Flying Pigskin Party. It was put on by the Flying Pig Marathon staff, but the money benefitted the Marvin Lewis Foundation. We had about 1,600 or 1,700 runners down there.

XN: What about the Reggae Run?

DO: The Reggae Run is the one my family puts on. I serve as the director of that, so I do everything. Fall is a busy time of the year for me. This year we had about 4,500 runners. We generated probably about \$180,000 in gross revenues, and we probably netted about \$80,000 or \$90,000.

XN: Where does that money go?

DO: All the money that we generate there benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation. On Make-A-Wish’s 20th anniversary, my mom and dad were recognized because of the money that we’ve donated. We’re the largest non-corporate donor to Make-A-Wish.

I think this year the total money



Photo courtesy of Doug Olberding
Dr. Olberding organizes the Reggae Run.

that we’ve raised is over a million dollars.

XN: I know you play in a band. What kind of music do you guys play?

DO: I play guitar. Our tagline is “Everything from Mo-Town to Modern Rock and everything in between.” So we can do a set of music from every era. We have about 15 people who are members of the band. All the money that we raise in that band goes to charity.

We played twice this weekend. The beneficiary of our gigs this weekend was an organization called Melodic Connections. They basically use music to help developmentally-disabled individuals. They teach people with developmental disabilities piano and guitar. Then

they build that toward performances to help build self-esteem.

We actually had a group of these students in Melodic Connections open up for us Saturday night, so it was pretty cool.

XN: Who is your favorite musical artist?

DO: There are two people that have influenced me most on the guitar. First is probably Stevie Ray Vaughn. The other guy is a guy that nobody is going to know, but I just love his style. His name is Billy Zoom, and he plays for a band called X.

As a matter of fact, the guitar I play is completely modeled after Billy Zoom.

XN: Was it custom made?

DO: It’s almost a completely custom-made guitar. I also do my own amps. I have a little amp and guitar workshop in my basement. My kids call it my mad-scientist lab.

XN: Do you have any stories about Xavier basketball and Skip Prosser from being in Schmidt Fieldhouse?

DO: The first semester that I was here, the fall of 1999, was before Cintas was finished. The men’s and women’s basketball teams practiced in Schmidt [Fieldhouse].

My son was a year and a half old. I was going to be working late that night. So my wife said, “We’ll order pizza and bring it to your office, and we’ll eat in your office. So we ate pizza in [Schmidt Fieldhouse] and then we walked outside through Schmidt.

My son had his little basketball and we were just walking across the top of the arena. The basketball team was doing a fast break drill. Skip Prosser was the coach and my son was sitting there watching and he just threw his ball and it went right into the middle of practice.

I thought all you need is David West to twist his ankle or something like that. They stopped [the practice] and I had to go down there and get the ball from Skip.

He couldn’t have been nicer about the whole thing. Actually, that year with the Reggae Run, the girl that was the Make-A-Wish kid had the dream to meet Skip Prosser and the Xavier basketball team. They got her season tickets to the Gardens.

XN: What is the best part of the job?

DO: I think the best thing about the job, and I know that every faculty member probably says this, or I hope they do, definitely is working with students.

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POLICE NOTES

Nov. 8, 3:59 p.m. - A student reported the theft of a bicycle valued at approximately \$500-600 from a bike rack outside Alter Hall.

Nov. 8, 4:59 p.m. - A student reported the theft of a camera valued at approximately \$415, which was left in an apartment in the Village over the weekend.

Nov. 9, 9:13 a.m. - An officer on patrol discovered the sign on the stairway leading to the Our Lady of Victory monument missing.

Nov. 9, 4:25 p.m. - A bookstore employee reported the theft of webcam and mp3 player from the bookstore. Two possible suspects were caught on surveillance tape.

Nov. 9, 6:35 p.m. - Xavier Police cited a student for possession of a fictitious I.D. when his or her wallet was turned in to the lost and found at Flynn Hall with the I.D. inside.

Nov. 9, 9:56 p.m. - Two students smoking marijuana on the patio outside of Albers Hall were cited for drug abuse.

Nov. 9, 11:52 p.m. - An employee reported a dispute with another employee early in the evening at Conaton Learning Commons.

Nov. 11, 5:05 p.m. - A student reported the theft of a bicycle locked to the bike rack outside Alter Hall.

Nov. 12, 11:55 p.m. - Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police with a report of a neighborhood disturbance or loud noise in the 2200 block of Cleneay Avenue. Two underage students were cited by Norwood Police for urinating in public.

Nov. 13, 2:12 a.m. - An officer on patrol cited a student for underage consumption who was observed walking through the ground floor of Brockman Hall with an open container in hand.

Nov. 13, 6:16 p.m. - Officers responding to an intrusion alarm at the Bursar's office discovered a broken water pipe and damage throughout the office.

Nov. 14, 2:00 a.m. - Xavier Police and the Cincinnati Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in Gallagher Student Center. Investigation revealed someone intentionally activated a pull down station on the ground floor.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Nov. 8, 1:23 p.m. - A student reported someone threw burnt toilet paper into the second floor hallway of Kuhlman Hall.

XU Senate passes resolution supporting 3C Rail Plan

BY LIZZIE GLASER
Campus News Editor

On Nov. 8, the Xavier University Senate passed a resolution supporting the continuance of the 3C Corridor Ohio Passenger Rail Program with a majority roll call vote, 11 to 7. The resolution, primarily authored by Senator Kyle McDermott, urges the state of Ohio to begin and complete the program as soon as possible for the benefits it will bring to Xavier students. The Senate resolution supports the rail project because of the accessibility to shopping and tourist destinations it could provide to students, thus increasing jobs

and tax revenue in Ohio. It also provides a mode of transportation for Xavier’s students that live along the 3C Corridor, the proposed route that would connect Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland. Before the 2010 midterm elections, the XU Senate was approached by Scott Varner of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), who asked them to pledge their support for the rail project, regardless of who the next governor would be. “Transportation is not and should never be a partisan issue,” Varner said. “Transportation and the economy are inseparable.”

Ohio Governor-elect John Kasich now plans to cancel the rail plan and allot the \$400 million in federal funding to other infrastructure needs, as he believes that it will be too costly to reactivate the freight lines, and that they will be too slow and underused. Although the Student Government Association is generally apolitical, focusing more on on-campus issues than the larger political agenda of the state of Ohio, the XU Senate drafted the resolution at Varner’s request. “[The resolution] shows the state of Ohio that we, as college students and Xavier University students, are interested in a

rail program that would give us easier access to the rest of the state,” McDermott said. The resolution was drafted through the Community Affairs Committee, then proposed on the Senate floor, debated and passed with a roll call vote, in which each Senator responds “yea” or “nay” when his or her name is called. The aim of the resolution is to form and articulate an opinion that represents that of the Senate and the rest of the student body. After passing the resolution, the Senate sent it to Varner who will now forward it to legislatures within the state of Ohio in hopes of gaining support for the rail plan.

BRIEFS

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Honors Villa

On Saturday, Nov. 20, Xavier University’s Honors Council will host a homemade Thanksgiving meal open to everyone. The dinner will be served in the Honors Villa from 6-8 p.m. All the food is prepared throughout the day by students and professors. Come enjoy the homey atmosphere of the Villa in its last Thanksgiving dinner. There will be no shortage of food.

Campus Watch: Beware of bicycle theft

Xavier Police would like to advise students to securely lock their bicycles to a bike rack on campus whenever the bike is left unattended. In the past week alone there were two bicycle thefts from the bike rack outside of Alter Hall, both from students who claimed to have purchased the most secure and recommended lock. Xavier Police is asking students to report any suspicious behavior to the crime hotline at 745-STOP.

First year retention high

BY JAKE HEATH
News Editor

Adrian Schiess, executive director of student success and retention, recently compiled and reported information regarding the Xavier student population during the Student Government Association meeting on Monday. According to Schiess, first year students have retained 85 percent of their student body, which is well above the national average of 75 percent. Sophomores and juniors have retained 80 percent, which is more than the national average of 75 percent. Xavier has also kept a graduation rate of 71 percent among four-year college graduates and 76 percent among five-year college graduates. With these graduates, 66 percent of

the minority student population graduated, better than the 36 percent of the nation. Schiess reported that Xavier hopes this statistic will increase within the next few years. Schiess also said that the amount of transfer students has been steadily decreasing over the past two to three years. Some of the reasons given for this shortage of transfer students and their decreased retention rates were financial trouble, difficult majors or medical complications. Schiess also said that it is possible that juniors are taking courses that are more challenging than freshmen-level courses, and speculated that many students are not academically prepared for their course loads.



Photo Courtesy of Gregory Rust
Dr. Franklin McCain spoke to Xavier students on Nov. 10. McCain was a part of the Greensboro Four, four students who sat at a “whites only” restaurant counter in 1960.

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November 18th: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Premiere - Don't forget if you have bought tickets for the Harry Potter buses leave at 11:30. Also, sign ups for Quidditch from 6pm-9pm sign ups in GSC 210!

Nov. 18: Come compete in the Xavier Quidditch World Cup, Thursday Nov. 8 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Come out on the Greenspace to compete or to cheer on your favorite team. Sign up now in GSC 210 as a team of 7 or individually!

Nov.18-20th: "Inception" Late Night Movie - (GSC Theatre)

Nov. 21st: Pool Tournament - 7pm (GSC) Sign up to participate in the SAC Office (210 GSC).



Last week Senate passed two resolutions:

1. In support of a LGBTQ advisor
2. In support of the 3C Ohio railroad project

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EDITORIAL | LGBTQ advisor

The ends of diversity at Xavier

Diversity: a laudable goal, to be certain—but why? This is precisely the question we at the *Newswire* were struck by as we prepared to applaud Xavier’s continuing efforts to accommodate LGBTQ students, most recently through the proposed creation of a permanent advisor position to represent that community. Yet no sooner did we articulate our position then we were forced to concede the intellectual immaturity of arguing that diversity, or any other concept, is desirable for its own sake.

This is not to say that diversity is undesirable, merely that any opinion worth defending should stand up on its own merits. Perhaps rote rehearsal and blind faith are appropriate for instilling values in toddlers, but if college students are old enough to be trusted with the vote, then surely they deserve a more substantive argument than is offered on Sesame Street. Besides, unsubstantiated claims are the first targets of adolescent rebellion.

What, then, of the current initiative? We expect that the position being considered is one that already exists at many, perhaps even most, public colleges in the country, so it seems unlikely that it will transform Xavier into a regional bastion of the LGBTQ community. Far from distorting the composition of the student body, in fact, the measure will primarily serve to prevent LGBTQ prospective students from deeming Xavier a hostile environment.

If we maintain academic standards in order to ensure that the incompetent do not displace the competent, it only stands to reason that we should in turn make ourselves as welcoming as possible to every student who meets or exceeds that definition of competence. And that is why the *Newswire* supports the effort to hire an LGBTQ advisor; we didn’t even consult Barney once.

EDITORIAL | Men’s soccer A-10 champions

A phoenix rises from the ashes

Could that be? The men’s soccer team won the Atlantic 10 Conference? The ragtag bunch that has for years been the A-10 soccer version of the Fordham basketball program?

We don’t think we were the only ones on campus to have that reaction this week upon hearing that the men’s soccer team had stolen a scene from a Disney movie and won four consecutive upset victories to make the school’s first NCAA Tournament berth. There are plenty of stories to celebrate here: the resiliency of the team to overcome a prediction of finishing 13th in the conference, goalie Justin Marshall’s heartfelt pledge to play for his father in the conference tournament or the senior class’ ability to see the program turn from a laughingstock to a success in their four years.

Yet, there is one person that appears to deserve the bulk of the credit for the operation: Andy Flemming. The charismatic coach took on a program in dire straits in a difficult recruiting area with a bevy of underclassmen on the field, and turned out the best season in school history on his first attempt.

Flemming and the soccer program’s success has reverberations across campus, up to Cintas Center, where Mike Bobinski and the Athletic Department hired Flemming — and women’s soccer coach Woody Sherwood — to lead drastic turnarounds in the program in their first years. As the Xavier athletic program reaches an era of uncertainty with many major basketball conferences realigning in recent years, the newfound stability and prosperity on the west side of Victory Parkway makes Xavier an increasingly attractive entity.

But those are the long-term ramifications. In the short term the *Newswire*, like many others around campus, is simply sitting back and enjoying the success of yet another Xavier athletic program.

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Letters to the editor

Mr. Kauffmann, pardon me but you have it all wrong

I don’t know how many of you actually read the article in last week’s *Newswire* titled “Fan etiquette for beginners,” but I hate to break it to you Mr. Kauffmann, you have it all wrong.

First, you need to correct your first sentence to, “It’s finally men’s basketball season again!” because you only talked about the men’s team, and there is a women’s team here at Xavier too, in case you were unaware. They happen to be ranked No. 5/6 in the nation. Second, the student section does have a name. Last year it was renamed “D’Artagnan’s Inferno.” But do (sic) to lack of response in both coming up with names and students voting for those names, it wasn’t taken seriously. So if the student section really wants a name, the students should participate more and give some feedback.

I have a serious problem with the way you worded some of the other things you talked about. When someone fouls, the proper thing to say is “you fouled.” I’d like to think as fans we have class. Using the words “proper” and “technically wrong” in the same sentence don’t exactly fit together. So for all of those reading, say “you fouled,” or you’ll get an ear-full from the ushers.

Next I’d like to talk about the tickets. There actually is assigned seating. If you look at your ticket, it doesn’t say general admission. It has a section, row, and seat, and

that’s where you should sit. If you want a better seat, get there earlier. I don’t care how it was before, because that’s how it is now. People stand outside in line an hour or so before the doors open just to get front row tickets. Any fan should respect that kind of dedication. If that means showing up a little bit before the doors open to get in line, then do it. Let’s fill the student section before tip off, or at least more than twenty minutes before tip off. It’ll make the environment better. That alone will intimidate our opponent.

“Technically, sportsmanship only applies to those playing the actual sport.” That is the biggest line of B.S. I have ever heard in my entire life. Clearly Mr. Kauffmann, you have never been to a game early enough (and I mean like ten minutes before tip-off) to see and watch the video played regarding sportsmanship. In this video, the actual players, the people you come to watch, talk about sportsmanship, and how it applies to fans too, and how saying degrading things can and will get you “removed from the place of competition.” Being witty is one thing; being degrading is something completely different. I, as a fan, would appreciate it if you didn’t tell new fans to be degrading. You can come up with witty sayings that aren’t degrading.

My last point is regarding your comment on wearing “Flavor Flav clocks during the Butler game.” If you bring a clock, I will personally help you throw it away. Let’s not be sore losers. Yes, that loss to Butler last year was crap, but that was last year. How about we mature a little and let it go. By wearing clocks, we would be admitting

to the fact that we are sore losers. I really don’t think we want that broadcasted across the country on ESPN. But if you really want to Mr. Kauffmann, you personally can wear a clock. Go for it.

I’ve said my piece now. Let’s keep our reputation of being one of the toughest places to play, but let’s be classy and show some respect for ourselves and for our players and coaches.

Kaylin Earnest | ‘13

A call to pens

Before anybody writes to me complaining that the previous letter did not conform to the 250-word limit, let me speak in my defense by shifting the blame onto you, dear readers. Ms. Earnest submitted her letter early, and was gracious enough to comply with my request that she submit a shorter version to leave space for other letter-writers.

But much to my chagrin, none came! Now, not only has one letter-writer been unnecessarily inconvenienced, but even the unabridged version is not enough to fill the letters section without turning Hagrid into the Thin Man.

For some of you, perhaps, the desire to spare others from needless effort in the future might be sufficient incentive to get your stationary out. For the rest of you, I urge you to consider the travesty of allowing some other student to blather on for paragraphs while your estimable opinion goes unprinted. Far worse, I should think, is to leave me space for these exhortations.

Peter Fricke | ‘11

NOTES & ASIDES

A collection of comments, observations, and general remarks from your friendly editorial staff, intended for your edification and amusement

- The tenth level of Hell, too horrific for even Dante to describe, is reserved for those who drive to Xavier basketball games.
- Xavier was recently named one of the most vegan-friendly schools in the country. Is that an award or a censure?
- Disturbingly, if not entirely surprisingly, the surge in bicycle usage at Xavier has led to an increase in bike thefts. Ordinarily, the tendency is to place blame on the less-than-stealthy criminal element in the community. Unfortunately, the acuity of Xavier Police in handling non-student trespassers means that the most likely culprit(s) are not strangers to campus. And unless anyone is prepared to suggest that the faculty is responsible, we are forced to confront the possibility that we cannot trust our classmates.
- On a lighter note, Xavier Police also reported the arrest of two suspects who were smoking marijuana on the patio in front of Albers Hall. Leaving aside their pathetic attempt to find a furtive location to break the law, the offense occurred at 10 p.m. on a weeknight — which is better than broad daylight in the same way that Stalin was better than Hitler.
- “The Peer Leadership Team will host the first ever Student Forum where students, faculty, and staff will be able to discuss together pressing concerns surrounding Xavier’s campus.” Ah, bask in the warmth of idealism; but do so soon, for it cools quickly.
- Although the official support extended by the SGA Senate for the 3C Rail Program does not enjoy the political neutrality originally expected of it, given Governor-elect Kasich’s opposition to the plan, we doubt it will ruffle any feathers, either. While recent experience inclines us to condemn special interests, we should remember that the blame for bias rests with the elected official; our responsibility is to provide him or her with every argument which supports our position.
- A large number of students and administrators eagerly anticipate the completion of renovations to Gallagher, scheduled to precede the end of Christmas break. We recommend that horses be held and pants kept securely fastened, however, because we doubt that contractors work any faster during the Christmas season.
- Last week, the Newswire staff shamed its former math professors when we calculated that a \$50 fee from each of 8,000 students comes to \$4,000. The correct number, of course, is \$400,000. Bravo to Maggie Kelly for alerting us of the error.
- Although it often seems as though we are gradually losing vacation days here at Xavier, as any student who spent this past Sustainability Day in a desk can attest, there are reasons for hope. Without fanfare or self-congratulation, the Xavier Academic Plannerseems to have quietly added that day to the end of Thanksgiving break. We applaud this decision, and look forward to the rare opportunity to attend Sunday mass with our parents, rather than having to return to school.

A good cause, close to home

Xavier University Children’s Charities Club is at it again. This is its second year in existence, previously partnering with the St. Baldrick’s Foundation whose mission statement reads, “The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.”

I had the privilege of helping the club in its first year — not only raising money but also being a shavee. For those not familiar with St. Baldrick’s, after the fundraising period is over, the fundraisers have their heads shaved to show solidarity with the children suffering from cancer.

This year, the club has partnered with a local organization, The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati (DSAGC). However, the members and officers of the club also wished to reach out to a member of the Xavier University community, to help someone from their own organization. This led to the additional fundraiser for the

Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation.

Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is the result of losing genes at the tip of the 22nd chromosome. This gene plays a pivotal role in development of the human nervous system, including the brain. Loss of this genetic component prevents proper nervous system



ADAM FRAZIER
Staff Writer

development. According to the Xavier University Children’s Charity Club Facebook page, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is only documented in 600 people globally.

At first glance, donating to a cause that has only been documented in 600 people may seem foolish and the average college student may think that money might be better raised for another cause that could impact more people.

Xavier students are not average people. Average college students would not volunteer to visit Over-the-Rhine for Community Action Day. Average college students

would not give up a spring break full of partying for a spring break full of service. Average college students would not create a club which focuses solely on Children’s Charities.

When reading that it is only diagnosed in 600 cases globally, I knew there had to be a catch. Enter Dane Dulaney. Dane Dulaney is 11 years old and has been diagnosed with Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. He is the son of Professor Cynthia Dulaney, a faculty member of the Psychology department. I have not had Professor Dulaney for any of my classes here at Xavier, nor have I met her son Dane. I have, however, seen the stress and hardships that families go through when their children are diagnosed with rare illnesses. It does not help their situation when their child’s condition is rare, which leads to the average person thinking that their donation might be better utilized for a different cause.

Xavier students aren’t average. This fundraiser is for one of our own. You, like me, may have never met Dr. Dulaney or knew of her existence as a member of Xavier’s faculty, but now you are aware of her and her son. I encourage you to donate to this worthy cause because most importantly it helps one of our own, but secondly do you want to be considered just average?

Individuality or seclusion?

The things strangers apparently love amaze me. By this I mean movies, music, TV shows, politicians, etc. For instance, I turned on the radio the other day and a Nickelback song was on. I thought to myself, “someone out there actually likes this?” Someone out there must be saying, “Nickelback, you know me.” Whoever they are, I don’t know them.

Sometimes I have to remind myself of my own minority status when it comes to pop culture. People actually believe the words coming out of Glenn Beck’s mouth. People seriously relate to Kenny Chesney. These facts of life represent the cost of the world being real, and very much out of my control.

Concerning matters of entertainment, it would seem that I am wrong almost all the time in the eyes of the world. But I haven’t actually located that world or the people inside it yet; I am merely left to assume the existence of such a place after being confronted by the observation that Nickelback fans, and not I, were the targeted demographic for this “alternative” radio station.

Do they exist somewhere in droves, hiding from me deep in the breadbasket of America? No,

because radio signals only travel so far. This station must have been tapping into an audience that is not distant from me, but all around me. I am walking amongst a society of Nickelback fans.

We now have a problem. Everyone I talk to seems to agree, and fairly resolutely, that Nickelback is god-awful. To be fair, it’s genuinely a challenge to think



PHIL CHEVALIER
Staff Writer

of a band that Nickelback fans could justifiably criticize for lacking creativity. With Nickelback fans as the majority, what outside majority would Nickelback sell out to? The common view that a single “majority” actually exists now seems questionable.

Here is what I think: Nickelback fans carry around the false idea that an audience—bigger, more simple-minded, less in touch with their emotions — exists in conflict with them. I foster the same illusion; I believe we all do.

The things I choose to like, I choose because I think “other people” have not chosen them. Part of their appeal lies in the fact that they are untainted by the support of the masses. This is at

least partly the case if I am honest with myself. Thus, I condescend openly to Nickelback fans. We can then perhaps learn two things by means of analogy.

First, if we work from the assumption that my tendency to enjoy feeling different from other people is something Nickelback fans are also guilty of, we can say that Nickelback fans probably identify Nickelback as a band that has not “sold out.” This indicates that they must believe in the existence of a majority beyond themselves.

Second, that I too am part of a “majority.” That someone else out there probably condescends to my tastes in the same way I condescend to the Nickelback fan for his. I, like the Nickelback fan, am someone else’s poser.

Sadly, the regression never stops. The minorities simply get smaller as the majorities they despise also get smaller. Layer after layer of condescension occurs until, we can logically assume, a single grumpy snob sits at the end of the line playing a song on the world’s smallest violin that not a single other human being has ever even heard of.

Really, though, that is all absolutely ridiculous. That man does not really exist. No one even listens to FM radio anymore. But the point is that by pitting ourselves against a fabricated majority, each of us could potentially become that sad, contrary violinist with obscure tastes. We should run from that future; after all, nobody likes the fool on the hill.

Harry Potter fans await premiere

BY MOLLY BOES
Asst. News Editor

Are black wire-rimmed glasses, lightning bolt scars and British accents slowly penetrating your thoughts?

Are you finding yourself whispering “Alohomora” whenever you unlock your door? You are not alone or without good reason.

This Friday at midnight, the first installment of “*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*” is being released in theatres.

In other words, thousands of people of all ages will be swarming their local theatres brandishing wands and doning robes, eager to see what other kind of trouble Harry Potter and friends could possibly get themselves into.

The movie made its first premiere on Monday in New York.

Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker and Melissa Joan Hart all made appearances at the event.

Preparation for this premiere can be seen throughout the United States.

Warners Bros. and the EA Play Label released a video game for the movie on Tuesday for computers and various gaming systems.

This past weekend, the Quidditch World Cup was held in New York City, featuring 46 teams from colleges across the United States, with a grand total of 757 athletes.

Xavier students are finding their own ways to adequately prepare for this colossal event.

SAC is holding a Quidditch



Photo Courtesy of class-acts.com

The Quidditch World Cup occurred this past weekend in New York City.

World Cup from 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday on the Greenspace for teams of seven individuals who have signed up in the SAC office.

Some students who find running around on a broom stick throwing slightly deflated volleyballs simply not enough to satiate their yearning for a taste of the magical world have found other activities to keep their yearning at bay.

“We made ‘Weasley is our King’ T-shirts that are of course in Gryffindor scarlet and gold, which we will be wearing to the event. I also made wands for everyone in my group because one cannot be a wizard without a wand,” says sophomore, Jacquelyn Reineke.

“I will be cooking a British feast for a bunch of my friends that consists of three British favorites: Yorkshire Pudding (an inverted muffin), Cottage Pie and

peas. For dessert we will be having tea and scones. Two forms of Butterbeer (non-alcoholic), both hot and cold, will also be available,” says Reineke.

“After dinner we will be going to watch the Quidditch tournament that Xavier has wonderfully put together, hopefully providing some Luna Lovegood commentary, and then it will be off to Newport for us!”

SAC also sold tickets to students for the midnight premiere at the Great Escape Cinema in Wilder, Ky.

The first day these tickets went on sale, SAC sold out, prompting them to purchase 245 more tickets, ultimately buying out two of the theatres.

“It should be a very Potter-full day,” says Reineke. “Now I just hope that the movie is good and lives up to expectations.”

A day to remember, an album to forget

BY JOHN STEVENS
Staff Writer

This year, many anticipated album releases met expectations, while others flopped and are bound to be FYE bargain-bin material before year’s end.

So when I heard that “A Day To Remember,” (ADTR, for short), was releasing a new album just before the year’s end, I was concerned.

The Floridian metalcore-pop-punk-amalgam of a band broke ground on the Warped Tour scene. They put out what may have been the only tolerable “screamo” record ever in 2009, titled “Homesick.”

“What Separates Me From You” certainly doesn’t fall short of what fans will expect.

Unlike previous albums with overbearing screaming from vocalists Jeremy McKinnon, Kevin Skaff and Neil Westfall, A Day to Remember excels with great melodies backing solid and catchy music.

The stand-out, and my personal nomination for “Best Name-of-a-Song-This-Year,” is “You Be Tails, I’ll Be Sonic,” which is one of the heaviest tracks on the album, but also has the catchiest chorus.

Then what’s the problem?

Well, ATDR is not going to create a huge new fanbase with this album.

They’ve stuck to the time-tested formula from their last two acclaimed records.

However, on “What Separates Me From You,” ATDR varied the amount of heavy and poppy

tracks.

The line up of their previous album “Homesick” was confusing but “What separates Me From You” manages to open with three perfect songs, including “Sticks and Bricks,” “All I Want” and “It’s Complicated.”

Though the album has numerous catchy tracks, the end comes off lazy and rehashed from “Homesick.”

“A Day To Remember” seems to be experiencing an identity crisis with the variety of styles they present on the album.

“What Separates Me From You” is a decent album, and fans of the band and the genre will be pleased. Even still, I wish there was something a bit...more. It certainly isn’t as bad as it might have turned out.

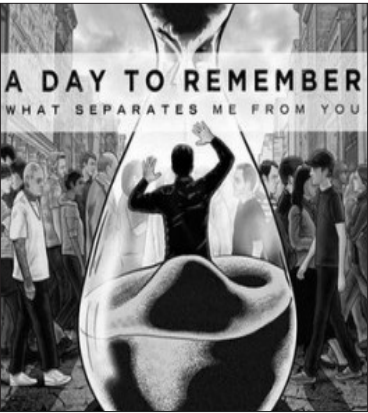


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A Day To Remember’s album was forgettable and failed to impress the Newswire staff.

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Contact Susan Booth at 745-3004 or booths@xavier.edu with any questions.

We thank you for pumpkin cupcakes

By **RACHAEL HARRIS**
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Most people look forward to Thanksgiving for a few reasons.

First, most people get to spend time with family and friends.

Second, Thanksgiving is always full of food: turkey, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and cranberry dressing, just to name a few.

Finally, there is always one thing that follows dinner: dessert.

If you are looking for a different dessert idea this year instead of the traditional pumpkin pie, look no further.

The *NewsWire* staff has decided to provide you with this delicious recipe by Rachael Ray, host of Food Network's "30 Minute Meals."

Cheesecake Filled Pumpkin Cupcakes

INGREDIENTS:

- One 8-ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 large eggs, plus five large egg whites
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup light brown sugar

- Simmering water
- 3 sticks (12 ounces) unsalted butter, cut into tablespoon-size pieces and chilled

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place a rack in the lower third of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees.

Line a 12-cup muffin pan with baking liners.

Using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and confectioners' sugar for three minutes.

Beat in 1 egg white and a half teaspoon vanilla.

2. In a bowl, whisk the flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder and half a teaspoon salt.

In another bowl, mix the pumpkin puree, 2 eggs, granulated sugar, oil and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Whisk in the flour mixture.

3. Layer each muffin cup with some of the pumpkin batter, then the cream cheese mixture, then more of the batter.

Bake until springy to the touch, 25 minutes. Let cool.

4. Using the electric mixer, beat the brown sugar, remaining 4 egg whites and remaining quarter teaspoon salt.

Fill a medium saucepan with enough simmering water to reach a depth of 1 inch; place the mixing bowl on top.

Whisk the mixture until it registers 160 degrees on an instant-read thermometer.

5. Transfer the bowl back to the mixer and beat at high speed until fluffy; lower the speed and beat to room temperature, about 5 minutes.



Photo Courtesy of rachaelraymag.com

You won't even miss mom's pumpkin pie after tasting these cupcakes.

Add the butter, one tablespoon at a time, then beat at high speed for five minutes.

Beat in the remaining half teaspoon vanilla.

6. Transfer the frosting to a pastry bag; pipe large rosettes on top of the cupcakes.

TIPS:

Using a small pastry scoop, fill the baking liners to the top with some of the pumpkin batter, then the cream cheese mixture, then more batter.

Let the cupcakes cool before frosting (the tops will crack during baking).

Add cold butter a piece at a time to make a fluffy frosting.

Use a pastry bag with a star tip to pipe the frosting decoratively.

No pastry bag?

Fill a resealable plastic bag with the frosting, snip off a corner and pipe away! Sure to be a treat for all around.

Recipe from www.rachaelray-mag.com.

Disclaimer: Although the NewsWire staff has not actually tasted these cupcakes, we must admit, they do look pretty tasty, don't you think?

LiveWires

Experience Hendrix

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Cincinnati Masonic Center (317 E. Fifth St.). Tickets range from \$45 to \$65. They can be purchased at www.stubhub.com.

Hinder

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19 at Bogarts (2621 Vine St.). Tickets range from \$52 to \$78. They can be purchased at www.stubhub.com.

Alan Jackson

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the US Bank Arena (100 Broadway). Tickets range from \$35 to \$55. They can be purchased online at www.stubhub.com.

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The “Spooky Dog” cast to bring adult thrills to a classic childhood

By **BRENT EDWARDS**
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It has been more than five takes, but the cast of “Spooky Dog and the Teenage Mystery Gang” is practicing their scene to perfection.

This show is an adult parody of Scooby Doo, the cherished mystery cartoon series of the '70s.

The scene the cast practiced involved the gang trying to find its way to an abandoned fairground.

Although I couldn't see anything wrong with their takes, the actors and crew yelled out several errors they noticed, everything from missed audio cues to better ways to deliver the lines.

With this amount of dedication and precision given to the show, it is apparent how seriously the Xavier Players take their craft.

I had a chance to sit down and see how exactly a show progresses from practicing individual scenes into a full bodied performance.

During “tech week,” or the week before the show, everything from costume changes to the particulars of audience participation is practiced until it becomes second nature for all involved.

During tech week, practices of eight hours or more are not unusual.

The cast and crew consists of 14 students.

The Xavier Players go through their practices tirelessly, never

breaking character and always taking in feedback about how to perfect their roles.

“This has been the most creative process for a show I've ever been in at Xavier,” said senior Ellen Beltramo.

And creative this show is.

In the course of an hour, the characters encounter creepy fairgrounds, spooky proprietors and crazed fortune tellers in their quest to find a captured celebrity.

Adult jokes litter this hilarious show, along with audience participation and '70s style television commercials. It is definitely something different to see your childhood favorites swearing and trying to hook up with one another.

“Spooky Dog and the Teenage Gang Mysteries” will prove to be a laugh-inducing and side-splitting show. It comes highly recommended.

Tickets cost \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. They can be purchased through the Players website or the ticket box office in the Gallagher Student Center.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 through Nov. 21, with two late night performances at 10 p.m. on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20.

All shows are in the Gallagher Student Center Studio Theatre.



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Student Ticket Pickup Schedule

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Pickup Window Open (1pm)</u>	<u>Pickup Window Closed (2pm)</u>	<u>Group Name and Password</u>
Butler	12/9/10 @ 9pm	11/29/10	12/1/10	BUTLER
Wake Forest*	12/18/10 @ 8pm	11/29/10	12/1/10	WAKE
Albany	12/28/10 @ 7pm	12/13/10	12/15/10	ALBANY
Florida	12/31/10 @ 4pm	12/13/10	12/15/10	GATORS
Massachusetts	1/12/11 @ 7pm	12/13/10	12/15/10	UMASS
Dayton	1/15/11 @ 8pm	1/10/11	1/12/11	FLYERS
Temple	1/22/11 @ 3pm	1/10/11	1/12/11	OWLS
George Washington	1/26/11 @ 7pm	1/10/11	1/12/11	GW
Saint Louis	2/5/11 @ 11am	1/24/11	1/26/11	SLU
Fordham	2/19/11 @ 8pm	2/14/11	2/16/11	FORDHAM
La Salle	2/22/11 @ 7pm	2/14/11	2/16/11	LASALLE
Charlotte	3/2/11 @ 7pm	2/14/11	2/16/11	49ERS

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Women’s basketball opens with two road wins

By JOCELYN TAYLOR
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The Xavier women’s basketball team began the year strong with a pair of road victories over South Carolina and Michigan.

The Musketeers defeated the South Carolina Gamecocks Friday 84-65. Senior Amber Harris led all scorers with 21 points and collected eight rebounds.

Fellow senior Ta’Shia Phillips chipped in with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

The Muskies were outrebound- ed 40-35 and committed 15 turn- overs, but shot 55 percent from the field and behind the arc. Team defense kept the Gamecocks shooting only 36 percent from the field.

South Carolina scored the first basket, but that would be their only lead of the game as the Muskies went on a 9-4 run with three straight three-point shots from Harris, junior Tyeasha Moss and sophomore Katie Rutan.

Moss had an electric perfor- mance and scored 17 points in 32 minutes. Senior Special Jennings scored seven points and dished out six assists.

“Our post players, deservedly so, get so much attention, but we really have some great perimeter minutes. I wouldn’t trade Special [Jennings] or Tyeasha [Moss],” said head coach Kevin McGuff.

Freshman Lynette Holmes con- tributed six points off the bench.

The Muskies stayed on the road to take on Michigan Monday night. Michigan upset the team last year at Cintas 72-71.

Apparently, the Muskies forgot

about that game as the Wolverines charged out on the court and grabbed a 12-8 lead over the Muskies in the first half.

Senior Special Jennings strug- gled during the game picking up two quick fouls and five turn- overs. Freshman Shatyra Hawkes relieved Jennings and kept the Muskies steady with three points, one assist and one turnover.

Rutan kept her team in the game nailing 7-12 three point shots, matching a career high.

“The more shots I made, the more confidence I had,” Rutan said.

“We’ve got people that can score from the perimeter, obvi- ously,” McGuff said. “That’s what Katie’s supposed to do.”

This was mostly an offensive game rather than the normal de- fensive game that Xavier is known for. Michigan shot 60 percent from the field, while the Muskies shot 56 percent from behind the arc, giving them a slight point advantage over the Wolverines.

Michigan double teamed Harris and Phillips in the post. The Muskies countered with their own defensive pressure beating the Wolverines on the boards 17- 12.

The Muskies managed to hold on to a 47-44 lead at halftime.

The second half was better both defensively and offensively for the Musketeers. The team went cold from behind the arc, but shot 56 percent from the field.

Jennings got into the action by going on a personal 5-2 run to put the team up 53-48.

But Michigan did not go away. With two minutes left in the game



Photo courtesy of espn.com
Sophomore Katie Rutan had 21 points on seven three-pointers in the first half against Michigan.

the Wolverines went on a 15-3 run cutting the lead to two, 73-71.

Harris and Phillips then took over the game. Phillips powered her way to the basket and made trips to the free throw line. Harris spun around her defenders and made a few jumpers in the lane. Phillips finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Harris with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Sophomore Tyeasha Moss also landed a double-double with 10 points and 10 assists.

The Muskies have a week off before their home opener on Nov. 23 against Louisville at 7:00 p.m.

XC concludes season with school-record finish

By JOHN WILMHOFF
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the 2010 men’s and women’s cross country teams had one last chance to either advance to the NCAA National Meet or cap off a breakthrough season for the program in a suc- cessful fashion.

The Xavier men finished 14th in the 31 team field at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Meet in Rochester, Mich, while the women finished 22nd in a field of 33.

Only the top two teams are se- lected to advance into the NCAA National Meet. Wisconsin and Indiana move on into the men’s national meet, while Michigan State and Michigan advance on the women’s side, effectively end- ing the Musketeers’ season.

“It’s great for this team and for the program [to finish 14th],” senior Tommy Kauffmann said. “But at the same time, I think we could have placed higher as a team.”

The 14th place finish for the men marks the highest finish in school history for Xavier.

Kauffmann also entered the XU record book one last time with his personal and school-best time of 31:10 in his final 10K race of his Xavier career.

Kauffmann broke his own school record by 16 seconds that he set a year ago at the NCAA Regionals. Previously, the school record had not been broken since 2002.

The overall 14th place finish, also a Xavier record, topped the men’s 18th place finish in 2004.

Sophomore Hank Geer fin- ished second for the Xavier men. Geer shattered his personal best time set last season at NCAA Regionals by a whopping two and a half minutes.

Junior Keith Albrektson also set a career-best time in the 10K with a time of 32:07, while fresh- man Tom Ohlman rounded out the top 100 finishers in his first collegiate 10k with a time of 32:37. Geer, Albrektson and Ohlman all return for the Musketeers.

On the women’s side, it was also a breakthrough season. Although the overall team results may not have shown on paper yet, strides

have been made for a young team that should continue to get better and more competitive.

The Musketeers were led by a trio of freshman this weekend: Ashley Vincent and twin sisters Abby and Clare Fischer. Vincent led the way with her career-best time of 23:34. Abby and Clare fin- ished second and third for Xavier with their own personal best times as well, ending the season on a very bright and promising note.

Junior Caylin Howell finished a strong season with another career- best time of 23:00.

Senior Kaitlin Thomas finished just behind Howell at 23:03 in her last career meet as a Musketeer.

“From the beginning of the season we had a goal of top 10 at [cross country] regionals, so it was a little disappointing not to do that,” Kauffamn said. “But that just gives us all something to move forward on for this track season and then for the team next year.”

The indoor portion of the track schedule begins Dec.11 and the outdoor season begins March 19 in Cincinnati.

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Baseball: The team finished with a 4-5 record this fall, sweeping a doubleheader against Northern Ken- tucky University and the University of Cincinnati.

With the wins over NKU, the baseball team is off to a quick 2-0 start in conference, as the National Club Baseball Association allows for conference games in the fall season as well as the spring season.

Freshman pitcher Danny Douaire recorded two victo- ries, junior pitcher Bill Hoerst recorded two saves and freshman outfielder Connor Richards hit two home runs.

Equestrian: In a competition at Morehead State University in October, the equestrian team finished fourth out of eight on Oct. 23, and fifth out of eight on Oct. 24.

This past weekend, the equestrian team placed fourth overall Saturday and second overall Sunday. They won Reserve High Point Champion Team at Midway Col- lege in Georgetown, Ky.

Men’s Golf: Throughout the fall, club golf competed in six matches, two of which were part of the National Collegiate Club Golf Association. The XU club golf team finished 1-3 with fifth and sixth place finishes in the NCCGA events.

Golf will continue in the spring with matches against Indiana University, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Dayton, Miami University (OH) and the University of Wisconsin.

Individual medalists include: sophomore Justin Coop and seniors Michael Davis and Tim Heitmann.

Gymnastics: Club Gymnastics started off the 2010- 11 competition season strong in Carbondale, Ill. on Nov. 6.

Sophomore all-around gymnast Hannah Black placed third on floor and third all-around. Sophomore beam and vault specialist Brianne Lehnig placed second on beam.

The season will resume in the spring with meets at Ohio State on Jan. 29, Miami University on Feb. 5, Eastern Michigan University on March 26 and the na- tional competition in Richmond, Va. on April 7-11.

Women’s Lacrosse: After expanding the coaching staff and recruiting new players, the Women’s Club Lacrosse team ended fall ball last month with a win- ning record.

The official nine-game season will start in the spring and include match-ups against area rivals Cincinnati, Dayton and Miami, as well as weekend trips to Saint Louis and Indianapolis. The team will continue to recruit players in the spring, and women of all experi- ence levels are invited to play.

Men’s Soccer: The team finished fall league play at the .500 mark, with wins over Wright State University and draws against the University of Dayton.

Softball: Under the guidance of new coach Jenni Meier, the softball team finished the fall with a 7-5 re- cord, defeating Indiana University, Eastern Kentucky University and Ohio University.

Junior Elizabeth Heitker, sophomore Katelyn Pepper and senior Rachel Morgante all hit three home runs during the fall season.

Team captains, managers and players, send your team’s results and upcoming events to the *NewsWire* Sports Dept. at newswire-sports@xavier.edu to get your team into the Club Sports Report.

Men’s soccer takes A-10



Newswire photo by Andrew Matsushita
The men’s soccer team celebrates the announcement of its first ever NCAA tournament bid.

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practiced what got them there in the first place: defense. Xavier goalkeeper, sophomore Justin Marshall made five saves and did not allow a single goal in the match as the Musketeers went on to win 1-0.

With the victory against Temple, the Musketeers advanced to face No. 1 seeded Charlotte.

“We knew we’d have to survive and hang on at several junctures, since Charlotte is such a high-octane team and was playing on rest, at home, as the No. 1 seed,” Fleming said.

The Charlotte attack was fast and furious with 11 corner kicks and 31 shots in the game.

Xavier’s defense did not waver and Marshall again rose to the occasion with 13 crucial saves. Regulation and overtime ended with the teams still knotted at 0-0. In penalty kicks, after being tied 3-3, Marshall made the save as he stopped the fourth Charlotte penalty kick.

This allowed senior Brendan Bucher to score the game-winning goal to propel the Musketeers to a 5-3 win in the penalty shootout.

With the improbable win, Xavier found itself in the A-10 championship game against La Salle.

La Salle was the No. 2 seeded team in the tournament and had beaten the Musketeers 3-0 nine days earlier.

The championship winning goal was netted in the 58th minute by senior James Getzen on a long pass from Luke Spencer. Insurance was added by freshman Matt Walker when he scored in the 79th minute to put Xavier up 2-0.

Marshall, who recorded three saves in the match, was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player.

The team made history by being the first Xavier men’s soccer team to win the A-10 tournament, the first No. 6 seed to ever win the tournament and by being the only team to record a shutout in every game.

In addition to Marshall, three other players made the All-Tournament Team: Spencer,

Bucher and freshman Nick Hagglund.

“The win means a lot to [the seniors] after what we’ve been through the past three years,” Getzen said. “We could have quit when things weren’t going our way but we toughed it out and eventually accomplished all of our goals for the season.”

Fleming is proud of his team and knows what winning the A-10 championship means.

“[Winning] has proven to the guys that our core pillars of being a family, succeeding with great people and trusting in the daily process can and will work for now and into the future” Fleming said. “The win is a life changing experience for our guys and solidifies the legacy of this team and our seniors.”

The team’s work is not over, however.

“We know that we’ve made the history books with our accomplishments thus far into the season, but as of now the season still isn’t over and we are still hungry for more,” Getzen said.

When Xavier suits up and plays in its first NCAA tournament this Thursday it will be in Morgantown, W.V. to face off against the University of West Virginia.

The Mountaineers (10-7-2) made it to the quarter-finals of the Big East tournament before losing to the nation’s No. 1 team Louisville. They feature an up-tempo offense and a good goal scorer in Abel Sebele. The defense will again be tested, but Fleming believes they can rise to the occasion.

“I expect our guys to be loose and focused Tuesday morning at training and, after faring well against some top teams this year, to realize that we can continue this great journey to make Xavier Nation even more proud,” Fleming said.

Getzen is convinced that Xavier’s Cinderella run is not about to end any time soon.

“We must take it one game at a time, one half at time and like coach Fleming says, ‘Survive and advance,’” Getzen said. “Our expectations are the same as any other team in the tournament: to win a national championship.”

Sports

Men’s basketball survives two close opening games

By SCOTT MUELLER
Sports Editor

The Xavier men’s basketball team has yet to put two consistent halves together, but has still picked up two wins to open the season.

The Musketeers overcame a nine-point halftime deficit on Friday night against Western Michigan University to win 68-65. On Tuesday night, despite being ahead by seven at halftime, the Musketeers needed overtime to knock off Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne 76-66.

Senior Jamel McLean missed the season opener with a fractured orbital floor, but helped Xu out-rebound IPFW 44-36.

In the season opener, the Musketeers struggled in the first half, scoring only 23 points, the lowest first-half total since Dec. 8, 2009 in a road loss to Kansas State.

“I thought we took some bone-headed shots [in the first half],” head coach Chris Mack said. “I told them at halftime, we have to be a team that executes a heck of a lot better than that.”

In the second half, juniors Tu Holloway and Kenny Frease sparked the Musketeers’ comeback.

Holloway had 20 of his 25 points in the second half. Frease, who was limited to four first half minutes because of foul trouble, had 12 of his 14 points in the second half.

Down 49-42 in the second half to the Broncos, the Musketeers went on a 9-2 run to tie the game. Holloway recorded seven of the nine points.

With the scored tied at 51, Holloway continued his hot-streak and connected on a three to give the Musketeers the lead. Although WMU tied the score again, the Muskies did not trail the rest of the way.

“The bigger the moment the



Newswire photo by Andrew Matsushita
Three of sophomore Mark Lyons’s seven assists came in the 76-66 overtime win against IPFW.

bigger Tu plays,” Mack said.

Tuesday night, McLean made his presence felt immediately and the Musketeers appeared to set aside their first half woes.

“I think what [McLean] provides, on both ends of the floor, really helps our team,” Mack said. “We’re certainly a better team with him.”

With McLean in the lineup, despite only playing 10 minutes in the first half, the Musketeers out-rebounded the IPFW Mastadons 27-13. The Musketeers were out-rebounded 38-28 against Western Michigan.

McLean’s return also gave the Musketeers some much needed-depth to a still depleted bench.

After receiving zero points from the bench against WMU, the Musketeer bench contributed nine points against IPFW. However, all of those points came from Frease in the first half.

After squandering a seven point halftime lead and trailing by two with 4:30 remaining, the Musketeers retook the lead on a three-point play by Holloway.

The Musketeers struggled with free throws in the second half.

They converted on 6 of 11 chances in the second half.

With 20 seconds left in regulation and Xavier leading 63-61, a controversial timeout by IPFW as a Mastadon was falling out of bounds, allowed IPFW to set up a play and tie the game with five seconds left in regulation.

The Musketeers botched the ensuing inbounds play, giving IPFW a possible game-winning shot. However, they missed and the game went into overtime.

In overtime, the Musketeers locked down on defense, only allowing three points.

Holloway once again sparked the Musketeer offense in overtime with six points of his 24 points.

The Musketeers’ next game will be in the Virgin Islands against Iowa on Friday, Nov. 19 at 8:30 p.m as part of the Paradise Jam Tournament. The Musketeers are guaranteed three games on the weekend.

“I’m happy we won, but we’ve got a ton of work ahead of us,” Mack said. “We’re going to find out very quickly down in the Virgin Islands that the competition is only going to get steeper.”

Volleyball sweeps weekend

By SCOTT MUELLER
Sports Editor

The Xavier volleyball team is playing its best of the season and gaining confidence for the upcoming Atlantic 10 tournament, held at Cintas Center.

With two 3-0 sweeps over Temple and George Washington this past weekend, the Musketeers have now won five matches in a row and 11 of the last 13.

“They put a lot of pride in what they do, so we have gotten better every week, and that’s an exciting thing,” head coach Mike Johnson said.

On Friday, the Musketeers swept the Temple Owls (25-17, 25-19, 25-20) in the last regular season home match.

Senior Chelsea Campbell led the Musketeers with 14 kills. Junior Michelle Matia added eight kills and led the team with three

blocks.

Senior Claire Paszkiewicz had 35 assists. She leads the A-10 in assists.

On Sunday, the Musketeers closed out the regular season with a 3-0 road sweep of George Washington (25-11, 25-13, 26-24).

Freshman Sarah Brown led the Muskies with eight kills. Paszkiewicz added another 26 assists

The victories secured the No. 2 seed in the tournament for the Musketeers, who are making their 13th straight appearance in the A-10 tournament.

“I think that bye is huge,” Johnson said. “Volleyball matches can be very grueling. Playing two in a row to have to win a title is tough. We just want to prepare as best we can, put our best foot forward and see what happens.”

The Musketeers are 7-3 at home this season.

The first-round bye means the Musketeers will take on the winner of Friday’s Charlotte vs. Saint Louis match. Xavier’s match will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20.

“They’re both very good teams,” Johnson said. “Charlotte has really gotten better in the last few weeks, and they’re a team that can catch fire and be very, very good. Saint Louis is the same, they’re always very good.”

The Musketeers went 2-0 against Charlotte this season, winning both matches 3-1.

Xavier is 1-1 against SLU, with both teams winning in their home arenas.

Dayton, ranked No. 13 nationally in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, is the No. 1 seed in the A-10 tournament.

Johnson, once again, stressed the role that fans can play in determining the outcome of matches.